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Application Number	09/783,353
Filing Date	February 14, 2001
First Named Inventor	Sadler Love
Art Unit	3726
Examiner Name	John C. Hong
Attorney Docket Number	027250.002

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
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For **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
THE DESCALING OF METAL**

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RESPONSE

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With regard to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, the applicant responds with argument found in the section titled "Remarks" beginning on page 2 hereof.

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, together with the fee therefor.

A Petition for a one-month extension of the time to reply to the Office Action is also being filed concurrently herewith, together with the fee therefor.

Reconsideration of the rejections in light of the remarks hereinbelow is respectfully requested.

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